

Response to Restriction Requirement

I. Specification

Applicants have amended the specification, as noted above, pursuant to the Examiner's request to include continuing information in the specification about the allowed parent patent.

II. Restriction Requirement

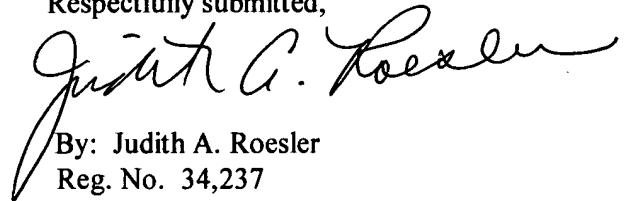
In the Office Action of June 10, 2005, a restriction requirement election of one of the following groups of claims for continued prosecution has been required:

Group I: Claims 59, 63, 65, 69, 74, 78, 79, 87, 88, 91, 94, 188, 206, 225, 226 and 228, drawn to a method for assessing the coagulation system, classified in class 435, subclass 13; and

Group II: Claim 225, directed to a method of determining a coagulation status of a patient, classified in class 435, subclass 13.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse **Group I**, claims 59, 63, 65, 69, 74, 78, 79, 87, 88, 91, 94, 188, 206, 225, 226 and 228, for the purpose of continued prosecution in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional(s) for the claims not elected in response to the restriction requirement. An early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

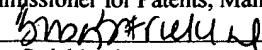


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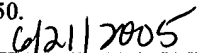
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